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In re Patent Application of:  
Katsuo Sugahara

Application No.: 10/501,100

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Art Unit: 1742

For: NI BASED ALLOY WITH EXCELLENT  
CORROSION RESISTANCE TO  
SUPERCRITICAL WATER ENVIRONMENTS  
CONTAINING INORGANIC ACIDS

Examiner: M. P. Alexander

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated September 27, 2006, finally rejecting claims 2 and 3, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.